

ALABAMA REPORTER.

TALLADEGA, ALA.

M. H. CRUICKSHANK, EDITOR.

THURSDAY, May 28, 1864.

CONGRESS.
There is nothing special in the proceedings of this body. There is considerable debating in reference to the repeal of the Habeas Corpus, nothing definite as yet.

This bill was introduced by Hon. M. H. Crutcher.

THE WAR NEWS.

There has been no fighting of any importance in Georgia, since our last issue. Gen. Johnston's army will probably make a stand at that place, have possession of Rome, Ga. We feel confident of success when a general engagement takes place.

Gen. Beauregard has whipped the enemy near Petersburg. The enemy retreating to their gunboats.

Gen. Lee's army is in a fine condition and ready and willing to meet the enemy. We think there will be a general engagement between the two armies, in a short time, and are confident of success and a triumphant defeat of the enemy in Virginia.

"HORSE THIEVES."

This is no uncommon accusation. Daily it is heard everywhere and unceremoniously. Unfortunately, the offenders are all of a certain profession. Are not these wholesale and indiscriminate carmen calculated to wound those who are sensitively constituted? I presume that there are few even among those who really have sensibilities. A well bred gentleman will not make a random remark, which in any instance might wound the innocent.

I have been taught from my infancy to avoid extremes. Extremes are radical and always wrong. I will now, in the first place, assume that it is wrong to charge a charge against any of a certain class, rather than those of another class. In the second place, I assume, that it is doubly so to utter a charge against one class as a class, and hold all others blameless. And yet this is done. According to my creed, there are honest men in all classes, and Christians in all churches. I would not justify a crime, but defend the pure and good. Our boys commit crimes with some show of excuse, others commit them without any. I do not pretend that the charge was originated without some just cause. But this particular individual has gotten to be common property every body is at pleasure all cases, kick and spit upon him. Every army horse is tracked to his camp. All petty larceny and every variety of sins are magnanimously forgiven.

"A true, 'in play and play,' 'in true.' When they first let him there some young boys were by every body called the flower, the capital of the South. 'Glorious boys all'—young ladies would not receive any others to visit them. When a 'burrhead' rode in, they didn't want him. How those boys have changed in the short space of three years! But poor fellows! I have heard every student of the law, by marches by day, by marches by night, you have defeated every attempt upon your communications.

Your communications are secure. You will now turn to meet his advancing columns. Truly confident in the conduct of the officers, the courage of the soldiers, I did not feel to write. We may confidently trust that the Almighty Father will still reward the patriotic toils and bless the patriotic banners.

Charred by the success of our brothers in Virginia, and beyond the Mississippi, our efforts will equal theirs. Strengthened by His support, these efforts will be crowned with the success.

JOS. B. JOHNSTON, General.

Sign—Kinloch Tailor, A. G.

Confederate Congress.

Removal, May 20.—The Senate passed the House bill authorizing commissions for cavalry regiments. Also, the Senate bill providing for the appointment of general officers instead of a sergeant by the President to command any force in districts or departments. The bill also provides for the removal of such officers to resume their original ranks at the will of the President.

Bills delivered an argument in support of the bill of habeas corpus. The galleries and aisles were crowded with Senators, ladies and others.

PUBLIC SALE.

I WILL sell at my residence on 11th Street, at 11 o'clock, a lot of household furniture, some new, a few old, and several other things too tedious to mention.

J. W. GRAY, Auctioneer.

President J. C. B. MAYS, Talladega, May 24, 1864.

The Better Land.

Farewell, farewell to thee below,
My Savior calls and I must go,
To land my bark upon the sea,
This land is not the land for me.

I fled the rugged path of sin
A rugged path to travel in,
Beyond the swelling waters of the sea,
The land my Savior bought for me.

Oh! dinner why will you not go?
Our work is sound and passage free,
And there's a better land for thee.

Farewell, farewell, I cannot stay,
The hour I seek is far away,
Where Christ's angels dwell,
This land is not the land for me.

There angels sing and so will I,
There angels bow and bend the knee,
Oh! that's the land, the land for me.

No light is there, the always day,
And God shall save my soul away,
The saints their Savior's face shall see,
Oh! that's the land, the land for me.

There kindred spirits meet again,
Scorn from sorrow, sin and pain,
They feast on pleasures full and free,
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Gen. Alfred Houston.

Gen. Houston, who was killed at the battle of Mansfield, was a graduate of West Point, and was about thirty seven years of age. Before the war he was a planter of great wealth. He was the son of Gen. Houston, of Louisiana, a grandson of ex-Gov. Jacques Dupre, of Opelousas, and a cousin to Lucius J. Dupre, now one of the Representatives of Louisiana in the Confederate Congress. He married a Miss Dix, of New York, and several children, is left to mourn his loss.

The "Deceitful" lately mentioned in the telegraphic dispatches, was doubtless intended for Decatur, Ala.—We cannot ascertain that there is a Decatur in Tennessee, though there is a Decatur within Decatur county. The Mansion Decatur says:

Our latest advices from the front have the Yankees close inside their fortifications, forcing them to the Confederates to leave Decatur by the river. Heavy artillery firing was heard in this place on Wednesday, supposed to be at Decatur, but generals from both sides are reported to be in the direction of Athens. Two or three weeks more will decide the fate of North Alabama.

A gentleman who was in the Birmingham Examiner that as the Yankees approached the city, a party of A. P. Hill they cried out: "Come on you accursed Rebels. We will teach you how to fight. We are good men. And we will fight the fight in earnest—hand to hand and man to man. But our men proved too much for the Yankees, and after a desperate struggle, the party of A. P. Hill was never known to this war—the Yankees gave way, and were soon in full retreat. The Rebels were from both sides which caught the Rebels for miles. They had repulsed the enemy, and he was in full retreat to the cover of his fortifications.

Gen. Forrest has arrived at Tusculum with five thousand conscripts and twenty thousand pounds of beef, and the same amount of flour. His recruits will be organized in a few days, when the Mississippians may prepare to have some more of their debts broken up. [Patriot News.]

NITRE & MINING DIST. NO. 10.

TALLADEGA, May 24th, 1864.

I wish to contract for the purchase of 50 cords of wood delivered at the C. R. N. Works near Mr. Claiborne's, ready to be cut. Any or all.

By order of the Board.

M. H. GOODWIN, Secretary.

NOTICE: CONSCRIPTS.

TO ALL PERSONS BETWEEN THE AGE OF SEVENTEEN AND FORTY YEARS.

In obedience to General Orders No. 82, Adjutant and Inspector General's Office, dated Nov. 3d, 1863, Jacksonville, Ala., is hereby notified that a place of rendezvous for conscripts from the county of Calhoun.

All persons in the County of Calhoun, between the ages of 17 and 40 years, whether residents of any portion of the State or other States, in which the aforesaid Orders have not been suspended, are hereby required to report themselves at Jacksonville, to the Examining Board and Enrolling Officer for examination and enlistment in the Confederate Army.

Those who fail to attend will be charged twenty five per cent. on amount of their Tax. J. A. WILKINSON, C. S. Tax Collector, Calhoun Dist.

May 16, 1864.

NOTICE.

I will be in my office in the Town of Talladega during the next week, where all who have failed to meet me at my regular appointments may have an opportunity of making up their arrears. Those who fail to attend will be charged twenty five per cent. on amount of their Tax. J. A. WILKINSON, C. S. Tax Collector, Calhoun Dist.

May 16, 1864.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

LETTERS of Administration from the Probate Court of Talladega county on the 29th day of April 1864, granted to the undersigned, John H. Henderson, of the County of Talladega, Alabama.

All persons holding claims against said estate are notified to present them to the undersigned, on or before the 15th day of May, 1864, at which time they will be paid in full.

Attention is called to Par 13 Section 2, and 3, General Order, No. 82, of 1863.

All the laws and regulations applicable to such Conscription fail to be applied to the place of rendezvous for conscripts, after enlistment.

All the agencies employed for the apprehension and confinement of deserters, and their transportation to the commands of their respective commanders shall be applicable to persons liable to duty as conscripts, who shall fail to report to the place of rendezvous after the publication of the call.

Conscription will come provided with at least three dollars.

JOSEPH BARBER, Maj. and Chief Enrolling Officer, 4th Dist. Ala.

The undersigned Officer of the Examining Board for the 4th Congressional District of Alabama, under General Order 82, Adj. and Inspector General's Office, hereby gives notice to all persons liable to duty as conscripts, who shall fail to report to the place of rendezvous after the publication of the call.

All those who shall fail to attend by reason of inability from sickness will be required to send the affidavit of a reasonable physician setting out the nature of the illness, and the duration of the same, and probable recovery.

J. W. GRAY, Surgeon P. A. G. S. President J. C. B. MAYS, 4th Congressional Dist. Ala.

It will be seen by the above, that I have authority to raise a company for local defense, and am now ready to receive all men between the specified ages. All persons desiring to join the Company, or to be received, must first be received, and then the Company will be organized.

Any person failing to do so will be liable to the payment of \$200 per recruit will be paid to the person who procured the same.

By command of Lieut. John P. Ellis, A. G.

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Strayed or Stolen.

FROM the subscriber, a place near Talladega, one deep sorrel filly, about three years old, and fifteen and sixteen hands high—said filly is not well broken, but quiet and of being rugged. Also, a saddle, one sorrel horse colt, about two years old, of shabby appearance, and one black male colt, two years old, well grown and finely formed. Any one apprehending the above described animals, and reporting the same to the subscriber, will be liberally rewarded.

W. S. CHAPMAN, Talladega, May 5, 1864.

Tax Collector's Sale.

I will offer for sale in the town of Montevallo, to the highest bidder for cash on Monday the 27th day of July 1864, one house and lot—said property formerly owned by Rugenstein & Bros., and now owned by S. H. Rossmann & Bros., the proceeds to be used to satisfy the balance of the mortgage of said property.

S. H. Rossmann & Bros., State and still due, (a portion paid \$185.00 and is three hundred sixty eight dollars and 60 cents, besides costs of proceedings.

MORSE JOHNSON, Tax Collector for Shelby Co.

NEW DRUG STORE.

R. A. MOSELEY.

On the North side, in the house formerly occupied by Capt. N. D. Johnson as a Family Grocery.

WE are receiving a well selected stock of Family Medicines, and all other articles generally kept in a Drug Store, such as Patent Oils, variety of Soap, Tooth Brushes, Combs, Paper, Soda, Coppers, Tobacco, Snuff, Lilly White, &c. &c.

We invite all to call and examine our stock.

R. A. MOSELEY, Jr.

Bring in your bottles and vials. The highest price paid for them at the Drug Store.

R. A. MOSELEY, Jr.

April 14, 1864.

NOTICE.

The families and relatives of deceased members of Company 21st Ala. Regiment will find Descriptive Lists, and account of pay and clothing of said, at Messrs J. & B. Huey's, Talladega, Alabama. FRANK M. SHOUSE, Capt. Co. 21st Ala. Regt.

"SUNDAY MISSISSIPPIAN."

FULL SHEET.